[Translation]

Export of Sugar

3286. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not issued adequate export quota to the sugar mills even when the remaining production of sugar in the country is more than its consumption in the country after procuring 40 per cent of the total production of sugar by the Government for Public Distribution System;

(b) whether due to this the sugar mills are facing economic crisis and are unable to make the payment to the sugarcane growers as a result thereof;

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to overcome this situation; and

(d) the details of the export quota released to the sugar mills for the year 1995-96; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c). Beginning August, 1995, Government has so far notified a quantity of about 10 lakh tonnes of sugar out of surplus freesale sugar for commercial exports, besides a small quantity of sugar for export to EEC & USA as preferential quotas. Further exports as deemed necessary and feasible will also be allowed.

(d) A statement showing State-wise quota of sugar released for export out of 1995-96 season's production is attached.

STATEMENT

Statement showing statewise quota released to the sugar mills for the year 1995-96

(As on 21.8.1996 provisional)

Sl. No.	State	Quantity Released (M/T)
(A)	**White Sugar**	
1.	Maharashtra	1,58,781.0
2.	Uttar Pradesh	1,58,980.0
3.	Gujarat	40,898.0
4.	Bihar	7,300.0
5.	Andhra Pradesh	33,600.0
6.	Madhya Pradesh	9,400.0
7.	Tamil Nadu	2,58,385.2
8.	Karnataka	64,040.0
	Grand Total : (A)	7,31,384.2
(B)	**Raw Sugar**	
1.	Maharashtra	37,400.0
2.	Karnataka	14,200.0
	Grand Total : (B)	51,600.00
	Total: A+B	7,82,984.2

Education for Tribal Women

3287. SHRI N.J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to launch a special programme for the education of the tribal women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Plight of Tribal Women

3288. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has expressed concern over the plight of tribal women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Commission has also submitted a report to the Union Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The Commission has not submitted any report to the Government specifically expressing concern over the plight of tribal women in the country. However, in its Annual Report 1994-95 the Commission have referred to the indivisibility and inter-related quality of human rights, particularly among the SCs and STs but no separate report has been submitted on the plight of tribal women.

(e) Does not arise.

Scheduled Tribe status to Kukis

3289. SHRI L. RAMANA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kukis are not recognised as Scheduled Tribe in Manipur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to confer upon them the Scheduled Tribe status in Manipur;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (e). Kuki community has not been specified as Scheduled Tribe in relation to Manipur. The proposal of the State Government of Manipur for inclusion of Kuki community in the list of Scheduled Tribes is under consideration of the Government of India in the context of comprehensive revision of lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Improvement in telephone services in West Bengal

3290. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the service problems being faced by the telephone subscribers of Dhamiakhali, Haripal and Balagarh in Hooghly district under West Bengal Telecom circle; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to improve the telephone services there?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The Telephone services at Dhamiakhali, Haripal and Balagarh in Hooghly district are satisfactory. All the three places have electronic exchanges with reliable S.T.D. media.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

[Translation]

Telephone Connections

3291. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:
SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN:
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI L. RAMANA:
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:
PROF. P.J. KURIEN:
SHRI S.P. JAISWAL:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA:
SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE:
DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH:
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI:
SHRI P. SHANMUGAM:
SHRI HARADHAN ROY:
VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections provided during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 (till date), State-wise, district-wise;

(b) the number of persons in the waiting list upto June, 1996, State-wise, district-wise;

(c) the time by which they are likely to be provided the connections, State-wise, district-wise, year-wise;

(d) whether any special scheme has been formulated for expansion development of telephone services/telephone exchanges;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the amount allocated for the purpose during 1996-97, State-wise;

(g) whether the Government have received any complaints of irregularities while providing telephone connections; and

(h) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (h). Information for paras (a) to (h) is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.